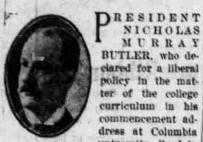
### Gossip About Prominent People

How Nicholas Murray Butler Fooled the Minister -- Senator Knox's Storp -- Told by Henry Van Dyke--Bjornson, the Grand Old Man of Norway--John M. Ward.



ter of the college curriculum in his commencement address at Columbia university, lived in Elizabeth, N. J., as RICHOLAS MURRAY

clared for a liberal

a boy, and an Elizabeth man said of him recently: "I am not likely ever to forget the precoclous things that I heard Butler in his childhood say. This youngster had a man's wit in a baby's body, and it was impossible to get the better of

"One day I heard a minister trying to joke with him a bit.

"'Nicholas,' said the minister, 'can you tell me what the earth's axis is?' 'Yes, sir,' answered the boy. 'It is an imaginary line, passing from one pole to the other, on which the earth

"'Very good,' said the minister. Then he winked at the rest of us. 'And I suppose, Nicholas,' be went on, 'that you could hang a wash out on this imaginary line, ch? 'Yes, sir; of course, sir,' said the

"The minister looked blank at that, for it was not the answer he had ex-

"'Oh, you could, could you? What kind of a wash? he said. "'An imaginary wash,' said Butler."

Henry Van Dyke, D. D., LL. D., professor of English literature in Princeton university and author of many popniar books, declares that his education is still going on and that he doesn't wish to die until it is done. "But," he says, "when the capacity for or the opportunity of learn-

ing something more comes to an end 1 should like to gradnate without delay." Dr. Henry Van Dyke bears his hon-

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ors as a literary ilon
somewhat shyly.
"Never mind, doctor, "there's safety
in numbers." in numbers," remarked a facetious

fellow clergyman at a recent reception HENRY VAN DYKE. in Princeton, where the popular author of "Fisherman's Luck" was surrounded by an admiring circle of ladies.

"Yes, but more safety in Exodus," replied Dr. Van Dyke as he made good his escape.

"Errors of logic, inconsequent reasaid recently. "A little Princeton boy the other day was walking with his mamma. As he passed the house of a friend he saw a dog playing on the lawn. That dog is called Troy. Troy likes me, mamma,' he said.

"'How do you know Troy likes you, Charles? the mother asked. "Because one day be tasted of me, said the boy."

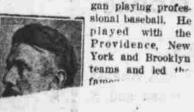
Sir John Millals when at the height of his popularity chanced one day to meet an old schoolmate named Popherd, whom he had known well in his days of poverty. He called to him by name. The stranger turned.

"And who may you be?" asked Popherd, who looked like a tramp. "Don't you remember me? I Millais," said the great artist.

"Well, it's little Johnny Millals, sure enough!" said the tramp, noting the distinguished figure of the artist, "Well, to judge from your appearance, I supyour line anyway? Where did you get your money?"

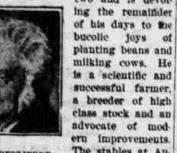
"I still paint," grouned Millais. "And you have never even heard of me!"

Few baseball players of note ever win great success after they leave the diamond. One conspicuous exception is A. G. Spalding, the millionaire sporting goods manufacturer, who was a famous pitcher years ago. Still another is John M. Ward, who was a great shortstop and captain nearly a score of years ago. Ward was born in Pennsylvania in 1860 and in 1877 be-



player. He is a member of the Monters in the vicinity of Greater New met all the best players in New Jersey and won the champlonship of the state.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the "grand old man of Norway," favors Norwegian independence and a union of Norway, Sweden and Denmark in the same breath. Bjornson long before the recent separation of Norway and Swefien was an ardent champion of inde-NICHOLAS pendence for his native land. For fifty MURRAY years he has been the busiest man in BUTLER, who de-Scandinavia and, with the possible exception of Ibsen, the most reviled. Not policy in the matlong ago, at the ripe age of seventy, he retired to his farm at Aulestad, in the heart of Norway, and abandoned his position as leader of the strenuous life in Scandinavia. He is now seventytwo and is devot-



BJORNSTJERNE

ern improvements The stables at Aulestad, for example, are all lighted by electricity generated by a nearby

mountain stream Despite the fact that he is Scandinavia's greatest writer and most powerful politician, an admirable journalist and a celebrated playwright, he started life with a failure. He was one of the worst students that ever matricu- TWO COLLECTORS AND SALESMEN lated at Christiania university and finally left the university without finishing his course because the task seemed too great for him. He at once drifted into theatrical management, made his mark. His wife, it is said, is Ore. the only person who can manage him. A story is told to the effect that years ago Bjornson fell in love with a local beauty and wanted to divorce his wife in order to marry the other woman. Mrs. Bjornson, however, put her hus- the Lectures on Cooking to be given in band to bed, put chopped ice on his the upper hall of Fisher's Opera House head and said she would keep him there until the fever left him. The cure was very rapid and made Bjornson immune from such ideas from that good pay. Apply at the hall on Monday day to this.

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the right kind of man," sald Knox. "What we want is a man who has no fear and will do his duty. He must have nerve enough to defend himself, for he may be shot even while he's on the bench, and be must hold the respect of his community by his ability

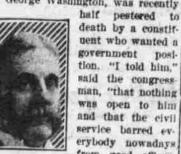
SENATOR KNOX.

to defend himself." "He's just that sort-just that kind of man," broke in the congressman eagerly. "He will fight the whole bar if need be."

"And, besides," continued Knox, "he must be able to stand daily temptations. Somebody's apt to offer him \$10,000 as he steps off the car and \$20,kind of atmosphere he will live in, and ney Cannery. that's the sort of men he will meet. Will your man fill the bill?"

"Now I think of it," said the congressman, rising abruptly, "he won't 93 invh. Also a small piece on the end fill the bill. He-he's got a wart on his trigger finger unless I'm mistaken."

Diplomatic phraseology at times puzzles the office seeker. Representative Leonidas F. Livingston, who served pose you gave up art long ago. What's nearly four years as a private in the BLICKENSDERFER TYPEWRITERS Confederate army, and whose grandfather before bim fought under General George Washington, was recently half pestered to



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erybody nowadnys from good offices. The fellow turned away finally, but came back with a hopeful look on his face,

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